<u>AMENDMENT</u> (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20-26 without disclaimer to their content and without prejudice to their subsequent reintroduction into this or a future patent application.

Please add new claims 27-32.

The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, reconsideration of the instant application, as amended herewith, is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendment is requested.

Claims 27-32 are presently pending before the Office, with the amendments presented herein. Applicant has amended the claims. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification as originally filed. Applicant is not intending in any manner to narrow the scope of the originally filed claims.

The Examiner's Action mailed October 28, 2008 and the references cited therein have been carefully studied by Applicant and the undersigned counsel. The amendments appearing herein and these explanatory remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Action.

Accordingly, this important patent application is believed to be in condition for allowance.